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Buenos Aires, Argentina
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Dear [redacted]

I am writing in reply to your letter of October 4, 1981 concerning **Mauricio Fabian Weinstein** and **David Horacio Varsavsky**, which only recently was received in the Embassy. In the future, if you wish to write the Embassy, I suggest that you use the address listed above.

The Embassy is familiar with the cases of both Mr. Varsavsky and Mr. Weinstein. **In both cases we presented individual requests to the Argentine Foreign Office for information on their welfare and whereabouts. In both cases the Foreign Office replied that the government had no record of their detention and no information about their whereabouts.** The negative reply on Mr. Weinstein was received May 30, 1979 and on Mr. Varsavsky in May, 1978 and reiterated to us in January, 1982.

Thus, unfortunately, it appears that both men are among the disappeared. As you may know, each year the Department of State submits to Congress a report on the human rights situation in each country that is a member of the United Nations. This year's report on Argentina again stated:

> "Most observers believe that the majority of the many thousands of persons listed over the years by human rights organizations as disappeared are probably dead."

However, in the absence of definitive information on an individual "disappeared" person, it is impossible to state with certainty what happened to him. Thus in cases like these two, doubt is sustained. Therefore, please be assured that we will remain alert to any information which may shed light on their situation.

Sincerely,

Townsend B. Friedman

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